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NOTE VERBALE DATED 2 OCTOBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF PANAMA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Panama to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to apprise him of Resolution No. 22 of the Legislative Assembly of Panama, adopted on 1 October 1991, relating to the situation in Haiti.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Panama would appreciate it if the Secretary-General would have the text of this letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Annex

RESOLUTION NO. 22

(1 October 1991)

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL POWERS; AND

CONSIDERING:

That on 29 September of this year the armed forces of Haiti, in violation of the Haitian Constitution, overthrew the President of the Republic, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, in a treacherous coup d'état;

That this violent break with the recently initiated process of democratization of the Haitian State casts a pall over hopes for peace, justice and development, which can only be attained through representative democrary;

That the coup d'état in Haiti is a step backward in the current process of dawning democracy in Latin America, which for decades suffered terror, injustice and death under dictatorial regimes, both civilian and military;

That it is the duty of this Assembly to see to it that the will of the people, as expressed at the polls, is respected;

NOW THEREFORE RESOLVES:

1. To condemn strongly the coup d'état against democracy in Haiti and against the President of the Republic, Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

2. To demand that the national Government should invoke the Bethancourt doctrine against the military Government of Haiti.

3. To exhort the international community not to recognize the illegitimate military Government of Haiti.

4. To express its support for, solidarity with and appreciation to President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and the Haitian people.

5. To send a copy of this resolution to the Executive Branch, and to the United Nations, the Organization of American States, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Latin American Parliament and the media.

FOR TRANSMITTAL AND PUBLICATION

Done at Panama City on the first day of October, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-one.

(Signed) Marco A. Ameglio S.
President

(Signed) Rubén Arosemena Valdés
Secretary-General